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For: PHOTOCATALYTIC POWDER, PHOTOCATALYTIC SLURRY, AND POLYMER COMPOSITION, COATING AGENT, PHOTOCATALYTIC FUNCTIONAL MOLDED ARTICLE AND PHOTOCATALYTIC FUNCTIONAL STRUCTURE USING THE POWDER

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents, other than any U.S. patents and patent publications, is submitted herewith. In addition, applicant encloses a first communication from the European Patent Office, dated February 2, 2004 in a corresponding application listing document that are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A&B modified form.

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filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

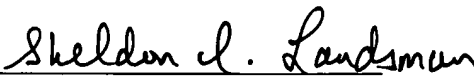
Applicant notes that the enclosed Communication from the European Patent Office also lists WPI document XP 002172223 and the corresponding JP 10-137593A. Applicant is not enclosing copies of these documents because copies were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 2, 2003.

In further compliance with the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance for foreign language documents, applicant encloses herewith an English language Patent Abstracts of Japan for the previously submitted JP 10-137593A, and also refers the Examiner to the enclosed Communication from the European Patent Office for its discussion of JP 10-137593A.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶
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